

**CHAPTER NO. 52****SENATE BILL NO. 21****By Cohen**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 17

By Todd, Hargett

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-114, relative to the bail of criminal defendants when not given in open court.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-114, is amended by designating the language of the existing section as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as subsection (b):

(b) An electronically transmitted facsimile copy of such written undertaking shall have the same legal effect as the original written undertaking. An electronically transmitted facsimile copy of a written undertaking signed by the defendant shall have the same legal effect as the written undertaking signed by the defendant.

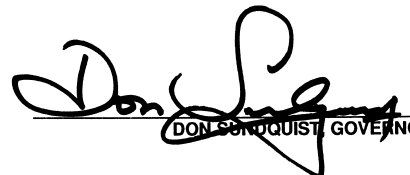
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 18, 1999

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 31st day of March 1999

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR